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IN A SAMPLE)	

Transmitted herewith are the following:

- 1) Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (2 pgs.); and
- 1) Substitute Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (13 pgs.).

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on August 21, 2003 in the above-captioned application, please find attached a Substitute Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to replace the Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed by Applicants on August 12, 2003. The Substitute Reply is identical to Applicants' original Reply to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003, except that a complete listing of all claims presented in the subject application is now included. In particular, Applicants' Substitute Reply indicates that originally filed claims 1-421 have been cancelled. To facilitate processing and to avoid confusion, kindly use the Fee Transmittal form submitted with Applicants' August 12th Reply in connection with the attached Substitute Reply.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Response. If Applicants are mistaken, please charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 07-0835 in the name of Gen-Probe Incorporated.

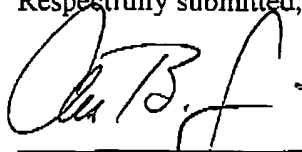
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SUBSTITUTE REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.